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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL.

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- 1. LYON HAS TAKEN CHARGE FROM SALOMON OF FORTHCOMING MINISTERIAL MEETING. LYON CALLED MEETING OF ABOUT 14 SCIATTS 17 JAN TO CONSIDER PROBLEM OF WHETHER SCIENCE MINISTERIAL SHOULD BE HELD IN VIEW OF RECENT COUNCIL ACTION.
- 2. INITIALLY, PROPOSAL WAS MADE THAT REVISED ISSUES
 PAPER SPT(75)2 OF 14 JAN. 1975 (POUCHED DEPT.) AS
 REVISED BY NEXT CSTP PLENARY JAN.28-29 WOULD BE BASIC
 DOCUMENT PRESENTED TO NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WHICH WOULD
 CONSIDER CONVENING OR POSTPONING SCIENCE MINISTERIAL.
 IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED BY SCIATTS THAT REVISION OF
 ISSUES PAPER REPRESENTED CONSIDERABLE LITERARY IMPROVEMENT OVER EARLIER VERSION BUT WAS NOT YET FOCUSED ENOUGH
 FOR COUNCIL AND MINISTERS. US SCIATT SUGGESTED THAT
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LATTER REQUIRED MORE OF A CONCISE PROSPECTUS THAN A

PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES PAPER IF THEY WERE TO BE SOLD ON THE NECESSITY AND TIMING OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. SUGGESTION SUPPORTED FULLY BY OTHERS. SPANISH SCIATT AND OTHERS EMPHASIZED THAT THE POLITICAL REASONS FOR COMING TO SUCH A MEETING WERE STRONGER THAN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES.

3. THE QUESTION AROSE OF THE NATURE OF SUCH A PROSPECTUS. SOME FELT THAT IT COULD BE ACHIEVED BY TIGHTENING UP OF SPT(75)2 AND RE-ORDERING OF SECTIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, BRINGING SECTION III MORE TO THE FOREFRONT AND GIVING IT A TITLE SOMETHING LIKE "THE RESOURCE CRISIS AND ITS MANAGEMENT". IT IS FELT BY SOME THAT A COMPLETELY NEW PAPER NO MORE THAN 2 OR 3 PAGES IN LENGTH SHOULD BE WRITTEN. LYON SUGGESTED THAT SUCH A PAPER, INTENDED NOT FOR CSTP, BUT FOR COUNCIL AND MINISTERS MIGHT BE WRITTEN BY CSTP EXTENDED BUREAU MEETING ON 27 JAN., WITH ASSISTANCE OF SECRETARIAT. HE IS CONTACTING COLOMBO TO SEE IF THIS PLAN MEETS WITH HIS APPROVAL. MISSION WILL NOTIFY DEPARTMENT OF COLOMBO'S REACTION.

4. GRANGER INVITED BY GERMAN DELEGATION TO LUNCH OF EXTENDED BUREAU WITH OSHIMA AND LYON AT 1.15 P.M. ON 28 JANUARY. PLEASE CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE. TURNER

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